

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

4:18-CR-3005

vs.

ORDER

TAYLOR MICHAEL WILSON,

Defendant.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4:18-CR-3074

Plaintiff,

vs.

ORDER

TAYLOR WILSON,

Defendant.

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These matters are now before the Court on the defendant's motion (case no. 4:18-cr-3005 [filing 49](#); case no 4:18-cr-3074 [filing 32](#)) for the return of seized property. [Fed. R. Crim. P. 41\(g\)](#) authorizes a person whose property is seized by the government to petition the Court for its return. *See Jackson v. United States*, 526 F.3d 394, 396 (8th Cir. 2008). The movant must establish lawful entitlement to the property—and the Court must afford him the opportunity to do so—at which point the government must establish a legitimate reason to retain it. *See id.*

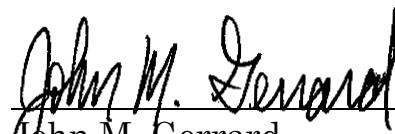
But Rule 41(g) also provides that "[t]he motion must be filed in the district where the property was seized." *See United States v. Smith*, 253 F.

App'x 242, 243 (3d Cir. 2007). And here, the government has shown that all the property at issue was seized in the Eastern District of Missouri. Case no. 4:18-cr-3005 [filing 56](#); case no 4:18-cr-3074 [filing 38](#); *see* case no. 4:18-cr-3005 [filing 49 at 8](#); case no 4:18-cr-3074 [filing 32 at 8](#). The defendant was afforded an opportunity to reply to that showing, but didn't. Case no. 4:18-cr-3005 [filing 57](#); case no 4:18-cr-3074 [filing 40](#). Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the defendant's motion for return of property (case no. 4:18-cr-3005 [filing 49](#); case no 4:18-cr-3074 [filing 32](#)) is denied.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2021.

BY THE COURT:



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John M. Gerrard  
Chief United States District Judge